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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No.: 17601.41a.1.1.1.3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	
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	Randolf Von Oepen, et al.)	
)	Art Unit
Serial No.:	10/743,857)	3773
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Filed:	December 22, 2003)	
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For:	METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR A STENT)	
	HAVING AN EXPANDABLE WEB)	
	STRUCTURE)	
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Confirmation No.:	9100)	
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Examiner:	Vy Q. Bui)	
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Customer No.:	57360)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance by the Examiner of claims 64, 66-72, 76, and 79-85. In the statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner noted that “the prior art of reference has failed to disclose or suggest a stent having a web structure as recited in the independent claims, especially the at least three web each comprising a plurality of web sections, with one of the web sections being angled relative to one other web section when the stent is in the expanded deployed configuration, or three web sections, with one of the web sections being a central section joined at opposite ends thereof to two lateral sections, each of the lateral sections

being angled relative to the central section when the stent is in the expanded deployed configuration.”

Applicant submits that the Examiner’s statement appears to at least suggest that patentability of Applicant’s invention(s) derives from the combination of the identified limitations recited above. However, Applicant respectfully wishes to clarify that patentability does not depend on a single limitation, or subset of limitations. Rather, the patentability of the invention(s) defined by a claim (or claims) must be considered with reference to the claim as a whole.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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